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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

On December 16, 2003 an Office Action was issued in the above-identified patent application.

On March 16, 2004, Applicants submitted a Response to the Office Action via facsimile. A copy of the Response, with includes a certificate of facsimile transmission, is attached herewith. Also submitted herewith is a copy of the transmission report indicating that the transmission to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was successful.

In view of the certificate of fax transmission, Applicants submit that the Response was timely and properly filed and that the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to

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withdraw the Holding of Abandonment and to examine the application on the basis of the Response filed on March 16, 2004.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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